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Mr. Fritz Henderson  
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General Motors Corporation  
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Detroit, Michigan 48232-5170

Dear Mr. Henderson:

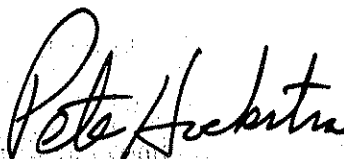
I stand by General Motors' effort to reinvent itself into a company that produces quality automobiles that customers demand. Americans across the country have quickly realized the importance of a vibrant, strong domestic auto industry.

While the company undergoes the difficult transition, I continue to be troubled about the treatment of its franchise dealers. The more I listen to their situation, the more I grow concerned about the decision-making process to eliminate dealerships. Dealers that have met GM's satisfaction requirements and are profitable during this tough economic environment have been left on the cutting room floor with no explanation.

I respectfully request that you provide to me a list of dealers that are scheduled to be closed. I also ask that you provide me with the criteria used for dealers to be reinstated via the appeal process. As a government-supported enterprise, it is critical that there be full transparency in the process. Unfortunately, the current process has left franchise owners, customers and the public in the dark and confused.

Please know that I understand the difficult task that you face and fully support your goals of reemerging as a better company. However, I strongly believe that full disclosure of the process is necessary and General Motors now has a fiduciary duty to explain its decisions to the taxpayers, who now own 60 percent of the company.

Sincerely,



Pete Hoekstra  
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